

**Ambassador Feinstein's Remarks for AmCham-U.S.-Poland Business Council Reception  
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Hello everyone. It's a pleasure to be with you all this evening. I would like to first and foremost recognize and thank the organizers of this evening's reception. The American Chamber of Commerce in Poland and the U.S.-Poland Business Council have done an outstanding job in preparing for this week's events.

Well, after a year of talking and planning, the U.S.-Poland Bilateral Business Summit is finally here. I am delighted by the turnout of both the American and Polish business communities. The success of this event will be a reflection of your hard work and dedication to the goals of this Summit, and I thank you all for your enthusiasm and support.

The importance of this summit is reflected in the high caliber of the delegation from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Acting Secretary Rebecca Blank arrives tomorrow. Already here today is Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade Francisco Sanchez and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Market Access and Compliance Michael Camunez.

What this means is that tomorrow, for the first time, we will have the three top officials in charge of international trade from the Commerce Department in Poland at the same time.

We will let Undersecretary Sanchez take the floor in a moment, as I know you are anxious to hear from him. I am delighted to welcome him back to Poland. He has been here twice, most recently last September. So, he knows a great deal about Poland and is actively involved in our bilateral relationship.

Earlier today, I had the great fortune to attend an event at the Polish-American Freedom Foundation, along with Assistant Secretary Camunez.

This event was a celebration of the Foundation's successful internship initiative, whereby Polish students and young entrepreneurs participate in summer internships with American firms in the United States. This group really represents in the best way Poland's economic transformation and the vital role that U.S. business has played in this development.

We will see and hear more successes tomorrow at the Summit. I look forward to the discussions on how we can do even more to deepen our commercial and economic relationship, as we look for new ways to do business together. The United States is the world's largest economy, and Poland is Europe's fastest growing economy. The potential for further cooperation is all around.

So, with that, I am thrilled to turn the floor over to Undersecretary of Commerce Francisco Sanchez.